

past year the congregation undertook the support of an assistant minister, and in order to obtain the necessary means as well as to equalize the income and the expenditure, a large number of the members resolved to contribute stated weekly sums. This plan has been quite a success, and the committee appointed by the Congregation to prepare the abstract were particularly directed to draw the attention of the members, to the advantages that have already resulted from its adoption.

ST. ANDREW'S, HAMILTON.—The reports of the managers for the years 1862 and 1863, issued in a very neat printed form, contain full and explicit statements of their intramissions. In 1862 the income from all sources was \$3176.56, the expenditure \$2728.52—the details showing a very considerable increase on the several receipts as compared with those of 1861. In 1863 the income was \$3230.15, the expenditure \$3058.02. The detailed statement shows a decrease in the receipts, which the managers account for by (1) the abandonment of the Ladies' monthly collection scheme without a sufficient substitute; (2) a very considerable excess in the receipts of 1862 over those properly belonging to it; (3) a slight diminution in the Sabbath collections. The payment of accounts not properly belonging to the year, leaves a much smaller balance than would have been in hand had the expenditure been confined to the year's expenses. The total number of sittings let is 406, but many parties attend without paying pew rent. "It was hoped," say the managers, "from the large audiences brought together in the church during the latter part of 1862 and the beginning of 1863, that an increased demand for sittings would have taken place. No improvement, however, is observed, either in the number of pews let, or in the Sunday collections."

Appended is a report from the Secretary of the Sabbath School Teachers' Society, from which we are glad to hear of progress. In the congregational School are 16 teachers, being an increase of one for the year, and 203 scholars on the roll, with an average attendance of 122, the increase in the former being 32, and in the latter 47. In the Mission School are 100 scholars with an average attendance of 68, and 10 teachers being an increase of 2 for the year. The collections for school and missionary purposes amounted to \$76.63. Instead of a daily collection taken from the school at large, each class has its own missionary box, and the children vie with one another in their liberality. During the past year the largest amount was raised by the *infant class*, which of course makes it imperative upon one of the other classes to excel during the present year. For some time the School has supported two Indian Orphans in connection with the Juvenile Mission Scheme. The children have been greatly afflicted at hearing recently of the death of one and the removal of the other by her parents. The anniversary Soiree of the School was held on the evening of the 15th Jan., when about 240 children were present. The Rev. R. Burnet, Minister of the Church, presided. Suitable addresses were delivered by the Minister, A. Milroy, Esq., and Judge Logic, Elders, and by Mr. Leggat, Superintendent.

PERTH.—The Annual Missionary Meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church was held on the 12th Jan. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Duncan, Mylne, McMorine, Clark, and Wilson. From the Report of the year it appeared that \$231.62 had been contributed for Missionary purposes, of which \$73.29 was appropriated to the French Canadian Mission; \$20.60 to the Bursary Fund; \$52.62 to the Home Mission; \$40 to the Jewish and Foreign Mission; \$17.55 to the Widow's and Orphans' Fund; and \$26 to the support of Orphans in India. A choir, under the leadership of J. W. Adams, contributed not a little to the interest of the proceedings.

WESTMEATH.—On Sabbath, the 17th Jan., a new Church, erected by this congregation, was formally opened by the Rev. D. Morrison of Brockville who preached a very able and appropriate sermon on the occasion. The Church is capable of seating about three hundred. On the day referred to it was crowded to the door. The Sacrament of the Supper was dispensed by the Minister of the Congregation—the Rev. H. Cameron. The services throughout were of a most solemnizing kind, well calculated to beget holy feelings in the hearts of the worshippers. The collections amounted to \$77.

LITCHFIELD.—On Sabbath 17th Jan. the Rev. D. Morrison of Brockville officiated at the opening of the new Church, and at the close of the ordinary service assisted by the minister, Rev. Joseph Evans, M.A., in the dispensation of the Lord's Supper. To Mr. Evans the people in that district owe much. He is unwearied in his labours and most successful in his management of the young. His charge lies through several townships amongst a sparse population, to a great extent only newly gathered in from the world. The new church is a neat edifice and capable of seating about three hundred—expenses all met except some £45.

ALMONTE.—A new Church (Rev. J. McMorine's) was opened at Almonte, on the 10th Jan under most favourable auspices. The Rev. Messrs. Inglis, Kingston, J. K. McMorine, son of the minister, and W. C. Clark, Middleville, addressed a very large audience. The building, a beautiful stone structure, is capable of holding about four hundred, and is nearly free of debt.

THURLOW.—A new Church was opened on Sabbath the 31st of Jan. The Rev. A. Walker, of Belleville, and the Rev. Prof. Mowat, preached to crowded congregations. The church which is on a commanding site, is a very neat and comfortable building, with a handsome spire. It is seated for about 250 persons, and cost \$1800, only one sixth of which is unpaid, the remainder having been contributed by the residents with a very little external aid.

The erection of the church illustrates the usefulness of the summer labours of our students, and shows how much the busiest of our settled ministers may do to promote the interests of destitute localities in their neighbourhood. Since his arrival the Rev. Mr. Walker of Belleville, besides preaching twice in his own church, often held a third service at Thurlow, and made frequent pastoral visits on week